

# THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

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# THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Secretary of the Navy has issued instructions that the United States steamship Michigan shall be at Detroit on the 14th and 15th of September to take part in the ceremonies of the reunion of the Army of the Tennessee, and at Chicago from the 1st to the 23rd of October for the military encampment.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has consented to act as arbitrator between Nicaragua and Costa Rica as to the ownership of the strip of land over which the ship canal is proposed to be built.

The public debt statement for July showed a decrease during the month of \$4,844,824.

It is asserted in Washington that Senator Riddleberger will make an open issue with Mahone in Virginia politics.

The Secretary of State has received intelligence of the death of Mrs. Hubbard, wife of the United States Minister to Japan. Mr. Hubbard had been in ill health for many months.

At a meeting of the citizens of the District of Columbia held on the 2d, resolutions were unanimously adopted calling on the President to remove the Commissioners of the District.

GENERAL ROOSEVELT recently presented to President Cleveland and Pension Commissioner Black resolutions of Iowa members of the Grand Army of the Republic denouncing other Grand Army men who objected to Mr. Cleveland's presence in the encampment at St. Louis because of his veto of the Dependent and other pension bills.

Dr. D. E. SALMON, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, left Washington recently for Delaware and Ulster Counties, N. Y., to investigate the outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia. The disease was introduced into these counties by two car loads of cattle shipped from the stock yards in New York City last March and April.

The Siamese Prince and his suite reached Washington on the 4th and spent the day visiting the public buildings.

The President has decided to make a short stop at Columbus, O., and Indianapolis, Ind., on his way West in October.

## THE EAST.

JAMES MARTIN fell off the Brooklyn bridge the other day while carrying a bucket of paint. He struck the water on his chest, but was not found seriously injured when rescued by a tugboat.

A DAM on the mountains near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., gave way the other day, swamping the village of Parsons. The people had to flee for their lives, a child named Annie Quinn being washed away and drowned.

THE thirty-seven firms composing the Leather Manufacturers' Association of Newark, N. J., shut down on the 1st. The reasons alleged were over-production and Knights of Labor.

THE New York Republican State convention will be held at Saratoga, September 14.

By the explosion of a gasoline lamp at a picnic near Pittsburgh, Pa., the other night, five persons were badly burned—one fatally.

A HUNGARIAN coke drawer went to work the other day at the works of the Blair Iron and Coal Company, near Erie, Pa., and a number of his countrymen sought him and murdered him for being a traitor to the cause of their strike.

THE wages of the employees of the Henry Clay and St. Charles furnaces at Columbia, Pa., have been reduced ten cents a day.

THE niece of Mrs. A. T. Stewart has sued Judge Hilton of Galesburg, Pa., for an accounting of the A. T. Stewart estate. She alleges that the estate has been dissipated of between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

A HURRICANE, accompanied by rain and hail, prevailed at New Brunswick, N. J., for an hour and a half on the 2d. The rainfall was the heaviest in many years. The storm also raged with violence at Knotts-Gale, Pa.

DANIEL DEMOND, clerk for a New York dry goods firm, has been arrested for having embezzled \$12,000 in the sale of laces.

A NATIONAL district assembly of the Knights of Labor was formed in Buffalo, N. Y., recently.

THE New York Democratic State convention will be held at Saratoga August 30. At a special meeting of the board of trustees of the New York Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, held at Bath, N. Y., Treasurer Robie was ousted. An examination of his books showed him to be \$9,000 short. The National Service Reform League opened its annual session at Newport, R. I., on the 3d. George William Curtis delivered the address.

A CRAZY Irishman named Mooney attempted to blow up the British steamer Queen at New York recently by throwing an explosive on board, which set fire to the vessel. He was arrested and the flames suppressed.

THE schedules filed in the assignment of William T. Cunningham & Sons, of New York and Philadelphia, who recently tried to corner the prune market, but failed, show liabilities, \$1,075,136; contingent liabilities, \$35,175; nominal assets, \$1,375,231; actual assets, \$219,130.

THE \$10,000 trotting stallion Norwick Chief dropped dead on the Elmira, N. Y., track the other evening.

JAMES HOOE, hosiery, Philadelphia, has failed with \$50,000 liabilities and \$25,000 assets.

AFTER a hot discussion the county committee of the United Labor party at New York decided that no socialist is entitled to membership in the United Labor party.

A FIRE at Syracuse, N. Y., the other morning damaged the extensive saddlery and hardware manufactory of Fraser & Jones to the amount of \$100,000, which is covered by insurance of about \$150,000.

## THE WEST.

THE miners in the Hocking Valley, O., have struck for semi-monthly wages.

GREAT damage is reported from fires in the vicinity of Kalamazoo, Mich.

EARTHQUAKE shocks were reported from St. Louis, Kansas City, Lexington and other parts of Missouri on the morning of the 2d; also at Huntsville, Ala., and Paducah, Ky., where a lake was formed. Not much damage was done.

DR. ST. JOHN, owner of the schooner Blake, by which boat McGargle, the boulder, made his escape, has been arrested by the Chicago authorities.

THE preliminary trial at Detroit, Mich., of Sergeant Clark, of the Twenty-third regiment United States infantry, for the shooting of Private Albert Stone, resulted in his discharge. Stone, who had been sentenced to military discipline, tried to escape, and Clark, who was on guard, shot him.

JAMES BELL's large planing mill at Olin, Ill., was destroyed by fire the other day. Loss, \$40,000; insurance, \$15,000.

THE United States Attorney at Salt Lake has commenced suit for the disfranchisement and winding up of the Mormon Church. A receiver was appointed for the case.

THE terrible vote in Utah in the recent election was more satisfactory than any previously polled.

FIRE the other morning destroyed the cabin of Philip Little, situated in California gulch, near Leadville, Col. Two sleeping babies were burned to a crisp. The father had gone to his work and the mother to a neighbor's.

JOSE HOLMES, confidential clerk of Harper, of the Fidelity Bank, Cincinnati, has been released, supposed on the condition of promising to testify as to the inside workings of the defunct institution.

THE Ohio Democratic Central Committee met at Columbus on the 3d. An executive committee of twenty-one members was selected, with the following officers: Irving Dangan, of Jackson, chairman; J. A. Morrow, Seneca, vice chairman; J. K. Newcomer, Delaware, secretary; G. W. Meeker, Columbus, corresponding secretary, and J. F. Barber, Columbus, treasurer.

GEORGE W. NELLIS, Jr., arrived at San Francisco on the 3d from New York, having made the trip on a bicycle. He started May 24, but lost fifteen days by rough weather, and he lost twenty-three pounds in weight. He averaged fifty miles a day. He made the trip in the interest of a sporting newspaper.

ELIAS, a lawyer of Kansas City, who was visiting friends in Quincy, Ill., recently, was drowned while bathing in the river. The body was recovered and sent to Kansas City.

THE Armstrong furniture factory and other buildings were burned at Evansville, Ind., recently. Loss, \$250,000; insurance, \$100,000.

THE Illinois Live Stock Commissioners state that all danger from pleuro-pneumonia in Cook County has passed. They ask Governor Oglesby to at once take measures for the removal of the quarantine restrictions now in force in various States and Territories against Illinois.

AN Indian Territory special says that Mayes has been chosen Chief of the Cherokee Nation over Bunch by a small majority. Joel B. Mayes is one-quarter Cherokee and he was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation for a term of years.

THE saw mill of John G. Owen burned at East Saginaw, Mich., recently. Loss, \$137,000; insurance, \$68,000.

THE big wheat field collapsed at San Francisco on the 3d.

TWELVE men were killed by falling walls of the burned St. Anthony elevator at Minneapolis, Minn., on the 3d. The men were engaged in clearing away the debris at the time.

HUGH M. BROOKS, alias Maxwell, the convicted murderer of Preller at St. Louis, has had a stay of execution granted by Justice Miller, of the United States Supreme Court. The argument will come before the court in October.

THE two children of Mrs. Almyra Wilson were instantly killed and Mrs. Wilson herself seriously injured by being run over by a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul engine at the Wood street crossing, Chicago, on the 4th.

SEVEN cases of Texas fever are reported among the cattle in the vicinity of Lenox, Ill.

A BEER kettle in Rahr's brewery at Green Bay, Wis., exploded the other night, scalding seven men, six of whom died. The kettle held seventy barrels of boiling water which poured over the unfortunate men, literally cooking their flesh.

THE Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has telegraphed President and Mrs. Cleveland an invitation to visit their city in the fall.

CLOSE estimates as to losses inflicted on the wheat clique by the collapse of the St. Francisco corner make them between \$3,000,000 and \$10,000,000, in addition to which the clique was holding and paying storage on enormous quantities of wheat.

## THE SOUTH.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., has invited the President and Mrs. Cleveland to visit their city next fall. New Orleans has done likewise.

THE Kentucky elections took place on the 1st. The Democrats were generally successful. There were reports, however, that the Labor ticket had carried Newport and Covington.

WILLIAM F. FORWARD, holding a number of offices at Palatka, Fla., has been sued by the Governor on charges of malfeasance, the defalcations amounting to \$25,000.

A SLIGHT earthquake shock was reported in Nashville, Tenn., on the 1st. No damage was done.

NINE new cases of yellow fever and no deaths were reported at Key West, Fla., on the 2d.

COLONEL E. W. ROBERTSON, Congressman-elect of the Sixth district of Louisiana, and who represented the Sixth district in the Federal Congress from 1877 to 1881, is dead.

MARYLAND Prohibitionists have nominated the following ticket: For Governor, Sumnerfield Baldwin, of Baltimore; for Attorney-General, James Pollard, of Baltimore; for Comptroller, Thomas E. Wright, of Cambridge.

THE steamer George Law was sunk at Petersburg, Va., recently, a port hole being left open. No lives were lost, although 300 colored excursionists were on board at the time.

THE other evening John Bales, of Clarendon, Ark., was assassinated while asleep by a man with whom he had quarreled.

At Manchester, Ky., during the voting in the recent elections, six men were killed outright and a number wounded. The fighting occurred over a negro's vote, and more killing was likely, as the animosity was assuming a vendue form.

THE Louisville express was thrown from the track near Greenwood, Va., on the 4th. B. W. Pettway, the baggage-master, had his head severed from his body and seven passengers were very seriously injured.

THE Courier-Journal has reports from seventy-four Kentucky counties out of 119. These cast seventy-seven per cent. of the entire vote of the State in 1884, when Cleveland's majority was \$4,839. In these counties the reduction of Cleveland's vote has been 9,238. Applying the same rate to the remaining counties the total reduction of Cleveland's vote will be 11,883. This will leave a Democratic majority of 24,851.

FIRE broke out at Mason & Sons, Pratt street, Baltimore, Md., on the 4th. A fireman named Schulte was killed and Chief Engineer Hennick seriously injured. The fire extended to adjoining buildings, proving very destructive. Loss \$500,000, partially insured.

TEXAS voted on prohibition on the 4th. Indications showed that the amendment was defeated by about 60,000. The other constitutional amendments were also defeated, excepting one—extending the time of holding the Legislature.

FIVE business men were burned out at Tampa, Fla., recently. Loss, \$75,000; insurance, \$1,300.

## GENERAL.

Two men were killed recently in Switzerland while making a mountain ascent without guides.

THE earthquake in Ecuador, June 29, was attended with much loss of life and damage to property. Many buildings were shaken down at Cuenca, Yaguchi and Bodega.

THE British Government has decided to subsidize the Canadian Pacific route for the transportation of British mails.

A FRENCHMAN and a Russian have been arrested in Lemberg, Germany, charged with being spies. They confess they have been reporting the state of the military defenses to Russia.

A COMMITTEE of the Holland Second Chamber has recommended a measure restricting employment in factories and workshops of boys under sixteen and women under eighteen. Also that night work for such persons be forbidden; that women shall not be allowed to work for a month after childbirth.

SIXTEEN policemen at Pesth, Austria, were disabled by heat one day recently.

It is stated at Vienna that the American Government has granted the extradition of Zaleski, the Austrian embezzler.

THE extensive strike of coal miners in Bohemia has led to numerous riots. Troops have been sent to the scene. Twelve rioters were arrested. The strikers of the Austrian Lloyd steamers have also gone on a strike. They complain of irregular employment.

PHIL. KOCZ, of Berlin, is publishing a complete report of his journey to Egypt and India in 1883, to study the cholera, and his discovery of cholera bacilli.

THE Austrian mint has received orders to make 60,000 silver and bronze war medals bearing the effigy of Prince Alexander, for distribution to the Bulgarian army.

GARNIER, an actor in Mme. Bernhardt's traveling company, has challenged M. Rochefort to fight to the death, publishing a derogatory article in reference to incidents that occurred while the company was in Rio Janeiro. If Rochefort refuses to give satisfaction Garnier will proceed against him for libel.

It is now expected that the British Parliament will be prorogued August 25.

TEN thousand Italian troops are to be sent to Massowah in the fall.

TWO cases of cholera and one death were reported from Malta on the 3d.

ACCORDING to official reports there were 10,238 deaths from cholera in Chili during the period from January to June of this year, and the Government expended \$1,000,000 in fighting the epidemic.

ZOUER PASHA, an Egyptian state prisoner in confinement at Gibraltar, has been liberated, having signed a paper binding himself to good behavior.

AN explosion of dynamite occurred in Bitiro, a suburb of Messina, Sicily, recently, killing one person and injuring thirty, besides doing considerable damage to property. The occupants of the house in which the explosion occurred were arrested.

SIGMUND SOBERNHEIM, the younger of the Sobernheim brothers, bankers of Berlin, attempted to commit suicide the other day by shooting himself. The ball entered his temple. The motive for the act was not known.

THREE deaths from cholera have been reported at Naples.

THE Bulgarian regents have ordered that preparations be made for the reception of Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. The Crown Prince of Germany recently underwent another operation for the growth in his throat.

IS the bicyclist named at Bridlington, Eng., recently, Temple, of Chicago, beat the mile record, doing the distance in 1:13 1/4. Woodside, of Philadelphia, attempted to ride twenty-one miles in an hour, but failed by seventy-nine yards.

A DISPATCH from St. Thomas says: Letters received from Stanley Pool from Henry M. Stanley announce that the expedition arrived at Aruvhim Falls on June 18, that all the members of the expedition were well, and that preparations were being made for the overland march.

THE Ontario Investment Association of London, Ont., is financially embarrassed. From the general information gleaned it was learned that over \$400,000 of the paid up capital stock had been lost to the association. Charles Muny, the manager, had left for Canada.

## THE LATEST.

By a collision between an accommodation and a construction train near Greenfield, Mass., the other morning, the engineer was killed and two passengers badly hurt.

KNIGHTS of Labor propose to test the legality of the evictions of the salt works strikers at Natrona, Pa., in the courts.

MILBROOK, the county seat of Graham County, Kan., was almost destroyed by a hurricane on the night of the 4th. A boy was killed and twenty-five other persons were injured. The towns of Elmer City and Plainville were also damaged, the storm extending along the Solomon valley.

THE trial of the Chicago boulders ended in conviction on the 5th. Most of the defendants received sentences of two years' imprisonment, the others being fined \$1,000 each.

PROMINENT Chicago gentlemen say that he met McGargle in Quebec. A man supposed to be McGargle, it was said, took passage at Quebec on a sailing vessel bound for Gibraltar, passing himself off as an invalid, although it was well known that he was in perfect health.

VIOLENT shocks of earthquake destroying signal houses were recently reported at Lighthol, Algeria.

THIRTY-eight French railway employees living at Avricourt, Germany, have been expelled from that country.

THE volunteer who the Geelcup in the yacht race at Newport, R. I., defeating the Mayflower by eight minutes in a course of forty miles.

THE Oregon salmon catch and canning this year will only be about seventy-five per cent. of last year's record and half of what it was in 1884.

By the upsetting of a boat near Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the 4th, five persons were drowned. The accident occurred in a gale, those who were saved clinging to the canopy of the boat until rescued.

SOUTHERN Wisconsin on the 4th was in an extremely parched condition, with fires threatening what little was left to the farmers.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) during the seven days ended August 4 numbered: For the United States, 163; for Canada, 30; total, 193; compared with 184 the previous week and 154 the corresponding week of last year.

ONE hundred girls employed in the weaving department of the silk mills at Harrisburg, Pa., struck work the other day because of a reduction of one cent per yard.

THE Dublin University cricket club is organizing a team to visit Canada and the United States.

ONE of the reports recently current on Wall street was to the effect that Mr. Stayer would resign from the presidency of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company, and that either B. Harrison or L. C. Waite would be elected in his place.

WILLIAM HOOE WOOLSEY MAXWELL, the British naval officer arrested some days ago at Kansas City charged with forging while attached to the service and taken to Chicago, will be returned to the scene of his crime.

## KANSAS STATE NEWS.

JUDGE HUMPHREY, who recently made a trip over the State on an inspection tour as a member of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, said that notwithstanding the dry weather Kansas would have an abundant corn crop. While the expectations of several weeks ago would not be reached, there would be millions of bushels to spare in the State.

SOME time since Harvey Cunningham wrote from Elk Falls to Commissioner of Pensions Black as follows: 'Drop me from the pension list, for am cured by faith in the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord. There never was much the matter with me, so the Lord hadn't much to do. Blessed be his holy name.' Cunningham has been drawing a pension for a long time, and the pension will not be stopped until the matter is investigated and all the facts known, the probabilities being that his mind is in that condition requiring greater need than ever of the Government's bounty.

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENT GLICK has secured from the Pension Bureau the establishment of seven additional pension medical examining boards for Kansas, which will greatly facilitate the preparation of pension papers and save a large item of expense to the soldiers. The new boards are located at the following places: Leoti, Wichita County; Kingman, Kingman County; Clay Center, Clay County; Bird City, Cheyenne County; Winfield, Cowley County; Lawrence, Lawrence County; McPherson, McPherson County.

PENSIONS granted Kansas veterans on the 27th: Eliza, mother of William M. Thompson, Holton; Sarah Wake, for widow of James H. McMillen, Red Bud; Sarah Bennett, for widow of Samuel F. Rowe, Saxonburg; Nicholas Blaneet, Independence; Daniel M. Benter, Parsons; William Walker, Ovego; Samuel Johnson, Ness City; William Richardson, Junction City; James B. Tremain, Elsinore; Andrew W. Holston, Hale; James Hendrick, Keelville; Anderson Underwood, Linn; Frank J. Lambert, Fort Leavenworth; William E. Tatman, Harper; Edwin C. Jaquith, Cedarville; Alvah Thayer, Emporia; Benjamin L. Duran, Spring Creek; Charles Carver, Olathe; Daniel Waymire, Miltonvale; Mexican War Veterans—Isaac Curry, Tribune; John L. Harris, Lawrence; John M. Wood, Wilmore; Joseph O. Mann, Solomon; Michael Fields, Greeley; Alfred M. Jarboe, Burlingame; Daniel Belleman, Weir City.

THE colored men of the State recently held a convention at Hutchinson. The report of the Industrial Committee showed that there are 167,000 acres of land owned by colored people in Southern Kansas, valued, with the city property, at \$2,150,000. The committee on the political situation recommended a thorough organization of the colored people.

RECENT dispatch from Leavenworth stated that late the other night, after Colonel Anthony and his family had been entertaining some callers on the lawn in front of his residence in that city, some one under cover of the shade trees in front of the premises fired two shots at a dark object in a hammock on the veranda of the house, and the inference was that the shots were fired under the impression that Colonel Anthony occupied the hammock and the intention was to kill him.

IN order to insure receiving a copy of the journal of the session of the National Educational Association, recently held at Chicago, members should notify Prof. J. H. Canfield, Lawrence, Kan., at once, by postal card, of their present addresses and of their desire to secure the volume.

A LAKE law passed by the Legislature provides that all persons owning, controlling, operating or managing steam traction engines of any kind, moving the same along any public highway, are required on meeting any person or persons in vehicles of any drawn by horses, etc., to turn to the right, giving as much of the highway as possible, and then shut off the steam and come to a halt at a distance of one hundred yards, and remain with steam shut down and halted until such person or persons shall have passed a distance of one hundred yards from the place of halting on said highway. The penalty for violation of this act is a fine of five dollars to two hundred dollars.

JAMES GOWNEY, a colored private soldier, was shot at Leavenworth the other day by Sam McElroy, his brother-in-law. Both men, after drinking for some time, got into a quarrel, which resulted in the shooting. Gowney's wound was considered fatal. McElroy was imprisoned.

THE other evening an ice team at Wichita ran away on Main street and collided with a street car at the crossing of Douglas avenue. The pole of the wagon ran through the dashboard of the car, inflicting fatal internal injuries upon the driver, Fred Hartley, and breaking the right leg and otherwise injuring Mr. Barsdell, an aged passenger standing on the front platform.

ARTICLES of incorporation of the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas Railroad Company were filed in the office of the Secretary of State the other day. The term of existence of the corporation is placed at ninety-nine years and the capital stock at \$15,000,000. The object of the corporation is to construct a main line and branches as follows: The main line from the north line of the State in Washington or Republic Counties, through Republic, Washington, Cloud, Dickinson, Ottawa, Salina, Lincoln, McPherson, Rice, Ellsworth, Barton, Reno, Stafford, Edwards, Ford, Kiowa, Pratt, Barber, Comanche, Clark and Meade Counties, to the south line of the State between the east line of Barber County and the west line of Meade County. The estimated length of the main line is 350 miles. There are three projected branches aggregating 434 miles and traversing most of the western counties of the State not touched by the main line.

A MEETING of the Live-Stock Sanitary Commission, called by special request of the Governor, was held at Topeka recently for the purpose of considering what measures should be taken to protect the cattle of the State against Texas fever. A circular letter was addressed to all the railroad companies doing business in the State calling attention to the provisions of the law to prevent diseased cattle being brought into the State and requesting all roads to issue to their agents an employment card, which should be presented by the cattle over the lines of the different roads all cattle which are prohibited by law from entering the State.

KANSAS has thirty-three mineral springs. The Superintendent of Insurance has notified the Northwestern Insurance Co. Association, of Chicago, that the Covenant Mutual Benefit Association, of Galesburg, Ill., that by the laws of the State those associations not being under the supervision of a grand or supreme lodge, are not entitled to do business in Kansas, and requesting them to call in their agents.

A LAKE fire at Meade Center destroyed property valued at \$53,000. One man jumped from a second story window and was badly injured.

TEXAS fever is creating uneasiness among cattlemen.

ABOUT 600 Kansas teachers attended the late National Educational Association at Chicago.

## TERRIBLE LANDSLIPS.

Catastrophes Which Occur in the Mountain Districts of Europe.

Many of the Swiss villages exist almost on suzerainty. The avalanche of snow or the avalanche of earth may at any moment sweep them away, or what is equally ruinous, overwhelm them with the debris of the mountain at the foot of which they are built. In not a few instances the landslide is so slow in its progress that it is only a question of time when the final catastrophe will be precipitated. At Bee Rouge in the Tarentaise, for example, the side of the mountain is gradually overwhelming the village of Miror. In most cases, however, the calamity is sudden and unexpected. Such an instance is supplied by the fall of the Rossberg, a well known mountain, 5,000 feet high, situated just behind the better known and loftier Rigi. In 1806, after a very rainy season, a large portion of the mountain, consisting of hard beds of sandstone and puddingstone, resting on soft sandy layers, suddenly swept across the valley of Goldau, burying four villages, comprising over three hundred houses, nearly five hundred inhabitants and more than eighty-five square miles of fertile land. In 1855 a mass of debris slid into the valley of the Tiber, which dammed back by the obstruction overflowed the village of San Stefano to the depth of fifty feet, until the drowned village was relieved by means of a hastily constructed canal. Another example of a disastrous landslide is that in which, by the sliding of a portion of Monte Como, the entire village of Plurs, with 2,430 inhabitants, was in 1618 overwhelmed. For several days before the catastrophe masses of rock had become detached from the mountain and numerous fissures were observed to form or widen on its side. But the village disregarded the warnings and were in a few minutes buried, with all their possessions, beneath sixty feet of rock and earth. All attempts to penetrate the mass proved fruitless, and no trace of the town has since been seen. The earth which entombed it is now clothed with a luxuriant forest of chestnuts, but the original name still survives in the little village of Plurs, or Pluro.

IT may also be said that these catastrophes are so frequent that history preserves the memory of only the most disastrous. Such a one was that by which the village of Elm was overwhelmed only a few years ago. At that time the place contained fifty houses and nearly 250 inhabitants, most of them children and old people. Nearly half of them were killed, while most of the dwelling houses were altogether crushed or buried beneath the debris from that portion of the Tschingel Alp, which broke away from its parent mountain. Altogether, though the Elm catastrophe was, in the loss of life and property, of less magnitude than those which overtook Plurs and Goldau, it is doubtful whether it did not, in the amount of rubbish shot from the mountain side, surpass both of these gigantic landslides. The Swiss geologists who visited the spot immediately after the disaster calculated that, at the lowest estimate, the contents of the slip measured 10,000,000 cubic metres. What a vast amount of material this pile contains may be grasped by a simple illustration. Zurich is a city of 76,000 inhabitants. Yet, in the debris shot from the side of the Tschingel Alp there was stone enough to build two Zurich. Some of the blocks are heaped 300 or 400 feet higher than the village of Elm. One is estimated to weigh 300 tons, and as these gigantic missiles were precipitated from a height of 2,000 feet, the irresistible force with which they fell on the doomed village can easily be imagined.—London Standard.

## ARCTIC INDUSTRIES.

Important Mining Operations Carried on in the Extreme North.

IT may not be generally known that important mining operations are carried on within the Arctic Circle. Cryolite is brought from Greenland to Philadelphia by the ship-load to be used in the making of candles. At Al., near the North Cape in Finmark, extensive copper mines have been worked for a long time. When it is remembered that most of the work has to be done under ground, and that heat is what the workmen suffer most from, it becomes apparent at once that mines may be almost as profitable in those high latitudes as they would be on our coast. The main thing is to have communication open once a year for bringing supplies and carrying away the ores.

An engineer who visited the mines at Alton a few years ago, to study the condition in which they were worked, found that the climate interposed no obstacle. The mines, when fairly deep, are warmer in winter than in summer. In such work as has to be done above ground, there is scarcely any interruption. During the three dark months, when the sun does not shine, there is no lack of light to the eye accustomed to the conditions. The sky is clear and starry, the aurora is playing most of the time, and whatever light there is the reflection from the snow increases and intensifies.

More than a hundred and fifty years ago mining was carried on extensively about the shores of the White Sea by Saxon workmen. Silver, copper and lead were produced in quantities. Now that the whale fishery has declined, mining enterprise seems most likely of anything to promote exploration and settlement within the Arctic Circle.—Youth's Companion.

Atchison, Kan., does an annual grain business of five million five hundred thousand dollars.

## FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.